

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE Mississippi

POLICY REGARDING PAYMENT FOR RESERVING BEDS DURING A RECIPIENT'S ABSENCE FROM
A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY

This policy applies to long-term care facilities only.

Payment is made for reserving beds during a recipient's absence from a long-term care facility for periods of hospitalization for acute conditions up to fifteen (15) days per hospitalization.

Payment is made for reserving beds during a recipient's absence from a long-term care facility for therapeutic or home leave. Patients of Skilled, Dual, Intermediate, and Intermediate Mental Retardation nursing facilities are entitled to full payment for each day, not exceeding thirty-six (36) days per year, that a patient is absent from the facility on home leave. Payment cannot be made for more than eighteen (18) home leave days in a fiscal year for a patient unless there is written authorization from a physician stating that the patient is physically and mentally able to be away from the facility on home leave. Such authorization must be filed with the Division before it will be effective, and the authorization shall be effective for three (3) months from the day it is received by the Division, unless it is revoked earlier by the physician because of a change in the condition of the patient. In the event a patient does not return to the nursing home at the expected time following a leave period, the home will be reimbursed for holding the bed until the notice of non-return is received or until the allowed days are depleted. Accurate leave records are maintained in the nursing home for audit purposes.

The patient's plan of care will provide for absences other than for hospitalization.

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